

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17-19, 21 and 23-27 are amended.

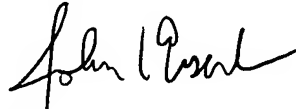
An Election of Species Requirement was originally issued for this application on December 5, 2006. Applicants filed a reply on January 5, 2007 electing the species shown in Figs. 1-4. Subsequently, a Notice of Non-Compliance was issued on February 9, 2007. The Notice indicated that the pending claims did not appear to read upon the elected species.

By this Amendment, the claims have been amended so that they read upon the elected species. Applicants hereby reaffirm that they are electing the species shown in Figs. 1-4. It is respectfully submitted that all of claims 1-27 read upon the elected species.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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